

that the president is kind of slow in forming an opinion on what constitutes "the people's right." The people's right was not violated when innumerable cargoes were confiscated, mail seized and American firms blackmailed.

England succeeded in her aim of stopping all commerce with Germany. If the president wants to protect the people's right he should prohibit some foolhardy Americans from passage on munition ships. There are plenty of other vessels just as good and more safe.

Who is paying for those pictures of President Wilson scattered broadcast over the country and on which are printed: "Stand by the president." Was the president and congress elected that the people should stand by them or they stand by the people?—C. A. Bodin, 7932 Muskegon Av.

#### ROBT MARCY'S NAME DRAGGED INTO BIG GRAFT STORY

The name of Rob't Marcy, a member of the Illinois state legislature, was dragged into the Costello graft story, according to a statement issued from the state's attorney's office yesterday. According to Asst State's Att'y Michael Sullivan, who has charge of the office in Hoyne's absence, Marcy is the mysterious "major" named in Police Lieut. White's green book of graft.

Marcy today declared his innocence of connection with the vice ring and said he was a good friend of State's Att'y Hoyne.

"If Hoyne had any charges against me I'm sure he would call me in, because we have been good friends for many years," declared Marcy. "I know Lieut. White, but our relations were only of the cleanest sort."

Meyer Cosman and George Walker were questioned about 18th ward graft last week, it became known yesterday.

The vice situation in this ward is the first matter put before the March

grand jury. At least fifty indictments are expected.

#### STEEVER SAYS "PLAYING WAR" IS GREAT DOPE

Sham battles and military maneuvers, "playing war," is as exciting as football, Capt. E. Z. Steever, U. S. A., is telling his aids. Plans are on for big practice evolutions, using high school companies next summer. Four of the six drill companies of Crane High are enrolled.

#### TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Rutland, Vt.—Drys gain six more towns in Vermont local option elections.

Washington.—Federal grand jury inquiry into "paper trust" charges will not be dropped because manufacturers have agreed to reduce the price of paper.

Cincinnati.—Four dead and six hurt by gas explosion in Ford assembling plant.

Peoria, Ill.—Sheriff has hard time saving Wm. Becker from mob. Is charged with murder of his father and mother at Mason City in December.

Washington.—Shipbuilders agree to speed up work on warships now under construction.

New York.—Gunard liner Carmania arrives here equipped with new smoke screen to blind U-boats. Carmania officers say allies have captured 48 U-boats.

Washington.—Pres. Wilson nominated Brig. Gen. Hunter Liggett as major general to take place of vacancy made by death of Maj. Gen. Funston.

Springfield, Ill.—Matthew Mills, Chicago, named as assistant attorney general.

Princeton, N. J.—27 members of Princeton univ. senior class have never kissed a girl, they say, while 172 admit the pleasure. "Lack of nerve" given as reason by most of the non-osculators.